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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the final Official Action of July 3, 2000, and in order to put the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows. Entry of the amendments is requested since the amendments raise no new issue.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A planar sensor element for determining at least one gas component, comprising:

a layer structure including:

- a [function] functioning layer;
- a non-functioning covering [cover] layer;
- a heating element disposed between the [function] functioning layer and the [cover] non-functioning covering layer and generating a heating power, a layer-shaped heating conductor being embedded in the heating element,



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